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Receipt is acknowledged of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) and a submission, filed on September 15, 2003. The submission, however, is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because the newly-submitted claims are drawn to an invention which is independent and distinct from the invention recited in the previously examined claims. The newly-submitted claims are drawn to a laser annealing apparatus, whereas, the previously-examined claims were drawn to a transistor device. An applicant cannot file an RCE to obtain examination of claims not previously examined in the application, that is, an applicant cannot switch inventions in an RCE.

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